

Article - Criminal Procedure

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§11-805.

(a) Subject to the authority of the Executive Director, the Board has the following powers and duties:

(1) to establish and maintain an office and to appoint and prescribe the duties of a claims examiner, a secretary, clerks, and any other employees and agents as may be necessary;

(2) to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions and purposes of this subtitle, including procedures for the review and evaluation of claims and regulations for the approval of attorneys' fees for representation before the Board or before the court on judicial review;

(3) to request from the State's Attorney, the Department of State Police, or county or municipal police departments any investigation and information that will help the Board to determine:

(i) whether a crime or a delinquent act was committed or attempted; and

(ii) whether and to what extent the victim or claimant was responsible for the victim's or claimant's own injury;

(4) to hear and determine each claim for an award filed with the Board under this subtitle and to reinvestigate or reopen a case as the Board determines to be necessary;

(5) to direct medical examination of victims;

(6) to hold hearings, administer oaths, examine any person under oath, and issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses or requiring the production of documents or other evidence;

(7) to take or cause to be taken affidavits or depositions within or outside the State; and

(8) to submit each year to the Governor, to the Executive Director, and, subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly a written report of the activities of the Board.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, an employee of the Board is subject to the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(c) (1) The Board may delegate to a member or employee of the Board its powers under this section to hold hearings, administer oaths, examine a person under oath, and issue subpoenas.

(2) A subpoena issued under this section is subject to the Maryland Rules.

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